

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

MICHAEL WHITFIELD,

Plaintiff,

v.

BOYKIN, et al.,

Defendants.

Case No.: 2:23-cv-01628-RFB-DJA

ORDER

On October 9, 2023 pro se plaintiff Michael Whitfield, an inmate in the custody of the Nevada Department of Corrections, submitted a complaint under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 and applied to proceed *in forma pauperis*. (ECF Nos. 1-1, 1). The application to proceed *in forma pauperis* is incomplete because **Plaintiff failed to submit a financial certificate and an inmate trust fund account statement for the previous six-month period with the application.**

This Court must collect filing fees from parties initiating civil actions. 28 U.S.C. § 1914(a). The fee for filing a civil-rights action is \$402, which includes the \$350 filing fee and the \$52 administrative fee. See 28 U.S.C. § 1914(b). “Any person who is unable to prepay the fees in a civil case may apply to the court for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*.” Nev. Loc. R. LSR 1-1. For an inmate to apply for *in forma pauperis* status, the inmate must submit **all three** of the following documents to the Court: (1) a completed **Application to Proceed in Forma Pauperis for Inmate**, which is pages 1–3 of the Court’s approved form, that is properly signed by the inmate twice on page 3; (2) a completed **Financial Certificate**, which is page 4 of the Court’s approved form, that is properly signed by both the inmate and a prison or jail official; and (3) a copy of the **inmate’s prison or jail trust fund account statement for the previous six-month period**. See 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(1)–(2); Nev. Loc. R. LSR 1-2. *In forma pauperis* status does not relieve an inmate of his or her obligation to pay the filing fee, it just means that the inmate can pay the fee in installments. See 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b).

1 It is therefore ordered that Plaintiff has **until December 19, 2023**, to either pay the
2 full \$402 filing fee or file with the Court a completed financial certificate that is signed both
3 by the inmate and the prison or jail official and a copy of the inmate's trust fund account
4 statement for the previous six-month period.

5 Plaintiff is cautioned that this action will be subject to dismissal without prejudice if
6 he fails to timely comply with this order. A dismissal without prejudice allows Plaintiff to
7 refile the case with the Court, under a new case number, when Plaintiff can file a complete
8 application to proceed *in forma pauperis* or pay the required filing fee.

9 The Clerk of the Court is directed to send Plaintiff Michael Whitfield the approved
10 form application to proceed *in forma pauperis* for an inmate and instructions for the same
11 and retain the complaint and exhibits (ECF No. 1-1) but not file them at this time.

12 DATED this 20th day of October 2023.

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